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VIA ECFS

June 30, 2014

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission Office of the Secretary 445 12th Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20554

RE: <u>REQUEST FOR CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT</u> – Connect America Fund, WC Docket No. 10-90; Lifeline and Link Up Reform and Modernization, WC Docket No. 11-42

Request that Information Submitted to the Commission be Withheld from Public Inspection Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. §0.459 and 5 U.S.C. §552(b)(4): Five-Year Service Quality Improvement Plan included in FCC Form 481

Confidential Financial Information – Subject to Protective Order in WC Docket Nos. 10-90, 07-135, 05-337, 03-109, CC Docket Nos. 01-92, 96-45, GN Docket No. 09-51, WT Docket No. 10-208, Before the Federal Communications Commission

Dear Ms. Dortch:

In accordance with the annual reporting requirements of 47 C.F.R. §§54.313 and 54.422, Conneaut Telephone Company (the Company), Study Area Code 300606, is submitting a completed FCC Form 481 to the Commission via its Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS) in WC Docket Nos. 10-90 and 11-42. The Company, by its authorized representative, hereby requests confidential treatment of two attachments to its FCC Form 481: (1) the five-year service quality improvement plan and (2) the financial annual report, both of which were redacted in the ECFS submission. The request for confidential treatment of the five-year plan is being made pursuant to section 0.459 of the Commission's rules and Exemption 4 of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). The request for confidential treatment of the financial annual report is being made pursuant to the FCC's November 16, 2012 *Protective Order* in WC Docket No. 10-90 et al. These attachments contain competitively sensitive data that Conneaut Telephone Company maintains as confidential and does not normally make available to the public. Release of this information would have a substantial negative impact on the Company.



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Five-Year Service Quality Improvement Plan

Pursuant to section 0.459 of the Commission's rules and Exemption 4 of FOIA, Conneaut Telephone Company requests that the text and data extracted from its five-year service quality improvement plan be withheld from public inspection because it contains competitively sensitive commercial and financial information that the Company keeps confidential. Public availability of this information would have a substantial negative impact on the Company.

In accordance with section 0.459 of the Commission's rules, the following information is provided in support of this request:

(1) Identification of the specific information for which confidential treatment is sought:

Attachment to Line 112 of FCC Form 481 – Five-Year Service Quality Improvement Plan. Specifically, confidential treatment is sought for all information in the five-year plan related to the Company's access line counts, existing broadband capabilities, and its network investment plans through 2019 that will improve service quality for its customers.

(2) Identification of the Commission proceeding in which the information was submitted or a description of the circumstances giving rise to the submission:

The information was submitted in WC Docket Nos. 10-90 and 11-42 as an attachment to FCC Form 481- the Carrier Annual Reporting Data Collection Form. Section 100 of FCC Form 481 requires incumbent local exchange carriers receiving high cost support to attach a five-year service quality improvement plan, pursuant to 47 C.F.R. §§54.202(a)(1)(ii) and 54.313(a)(1).

(3) Explanation of the degree to which the information is commercial or financial, or contains a trade secret or is privileged:

The five-year service quality improvement plan contains granular information on the Company's access line counts and existing broadband capabilities as well as detailed plans for financial investments in its network through 2019 to improve service to subscribers. This is closely guarded, privileged information that the Company does not make publicly available.

(4) Explanation of the degree to which the information concerns a service that is subject to competition:

Broadband is subject to increasing competition in the areas served by rural, rate-of-return incumbent local exchange carriers (RLECs). Virtually all RLECs face competition from one or more wireless Internet service providers. Most RLECs also face competition from at least one other wireline broadband provider such as a larger cable company, who will typically seek to "cherry pick" the lower cost portions of the study area. In addition, all RLECs face competition throughout their territories from satellite broadband providers.



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(5) Explanation of how disclosure of the information could result in substantial competitive harm:

Disclosure of the information contained in the five-year plan would provide competitors with detailed, granular information regarding the Company's access line count, its existing broadband capabilities, and its strategic plans for network investments. This would give competitors invaluable confidential information with which to develop their own strategies for investing in the service area, thereby bringing substantial competitive harm to the Company.

(6) Identification of any measures taken by the submitting party to prevent unauthorized disclosure:

The Company has continually treated the extracted information in its five-year plan as confidential and carefully controls the information to protect it from competitors. Access to the information is limited to employees that require it and to non-employees with confidentiality obligations such as lenders, consultants, auditors, and attorneys. In addition, when such information is required to be submitted to a state regulatory authority it has been filed as confidential information, not available to the public.

(7) Identification of whether the information is available to the public and the extent of any previous disclosure of the information to third parties:

The redacted information in the five-year plan is not available to the public, and third party access is limited as described in (6) above.

(8) Justification of the period during which the submitting party asserts that material should not be available for public disclosure:

The Company requests that the extracted information be withheld from public inspection indefinitely. Although the information reflects the Company's service improvement plans for a five year period, it would provide a very useful baseline for competitors for several years beyond that period.

(9) Any other information that the party seeking confidential information treatment believes may be useful in assessing whether its request for confidentiality should be granted:

Exemption 4 of FOIA shields from public disclosure commercial or financial information obtained from a person that is privileged or confidential. Based on the responses provided above, the information in question satisfies this test.

Financial Annual Report

Section 3005 of FCC Form 481 requires a privately-held rate-of-return carrier receiving high cost support to attach a full and complete annual report of the Company's financial condition and operations pursuant to 47 C.F.R. §54.313(f)(2). Conneaut Telephone Company seeks confidential treatment of its financial annual report pursuant to the November 16, 2012 *Protective Order* in WC Docket No. 10-90, et al.¹ The *Protective Order* specifically covers information filed pursuant to 47 C.F.R. §54.313(f)(2).

¹ Connect America Fund et al., WC Docket No. 10-90 et al., Protective Order, DA 12-1857 (rel. Nov. 16, 2012).



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Conneaut Telephone Company is providing to the Office of the Secretary, under seal, this cover letter and the Form 481 filing which includes the confidential information that is being requested to be withheld from public inspection.

Each page of the five-year service quality improvement plan confidential submission bears the legend, "CONFIDENTIAL – NOT FOR PUBLIC DISCLOSURE."

Each page of the financial annual report confidential submission bears the legend, "CONFIDENTIAL FINANCIAL INFORMATION – SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE ORDER IN WC DOCKET NOS. 10-90, 07-135, 05-337, 03-109, CC DOCKET NOS. 01-92, 96-45, GN DOCKET NO. 09-51, WT DOCKET NO. 10-208, BEFORE THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION."

Two copies of the Form 481 filing in redacted form and an accompanying cover letter are also being provided with the confidential filing. Each page of the redacted filing and accompanying cover letter is marked "REDACTED – FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION."

Two copies of this cover letter and the Form 481 filing with the confidential information are also being delivered to Mr. Charles Tyler, Telecommunications Access Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau.

The confidential information has also been submitted to the Universal Service Administrative Company through its E-File system as an attachment to the FCC Form 481.

This cover letter includes no confidential information and the text is the same in both the non-redacted and redacted versions except for the confidentiality markings.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely

Lynette Hampton

Authorized Representative for Conneaut Telephone Company

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Enclosures

cc: Mr. Charles Tyler, Telecommunications Access Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, (2 hardcopies of non-redacted submission)

Mr. Ken Johnson, Conneaut Telephone Company

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(3016)) Document(s) for Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows	h Flows
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TO BE COMPLETED BY THE REPORTING CARRIER, IF THE REPORTING CARRIER IS FILING ANNUAL REPORTING ON ITS OWN BEHALF:

Certification of Officer as to the Accuracy of the Data Reported for the Annual Reporting for CAF or LI Recipients I certify that I am an officer of the reporting carrier; my responsibilities include ensuring the accuracy of the annual reporting requirements for universal service support recipients; and, to the best of my knowledge, the information reported on this form and in any attachments is accurate. Name of Reporting Carrier: Signature of Authorized Officer: Date Printed name of Authorized Officer: Title or position of Authorized Officer: Telephone number of Authorized Officer: Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier: Filing Due Date for this form:

Persons willfully making false statements on this form can be punished by fine or forfeiture under the Communications Act of 1934, 47 U.S.C. §§ 502, 503(b), or fine or imprisonment under Title 18 of the United States Code, 18 U.S.C. § 1001.

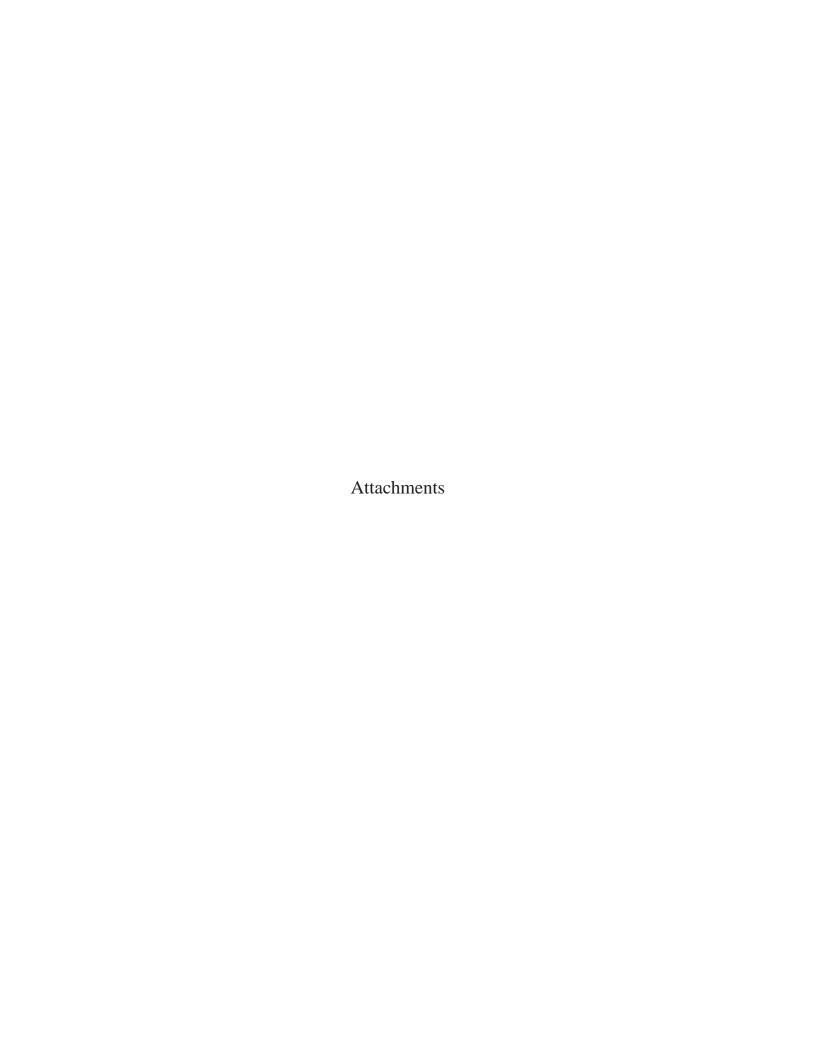
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TO BE COMPLETED BY THE REPORTING CARRIER, IF AN AGENT IS FILING ANNUAL REPORTS ON THE CARRIER'S BEHALF:

I certify that (Name of Agent) <u>Lynette Hampton</u> also certify that I am an officer of the reporting carrier; my respondent; and, to the best of my knowledge, the reports and data p	is authorized to submit the information reported on behalf of the reporting carrier. I insibilities include ensuring the accuracy of the annual data reporting requirements provided to the authorized ovided to the authorized agent is accurate.
Name of Authorized Agent: Lynette Hampton	
Name of Reporting Carrier: CONNEAUT TEL CO	
Signature of Authorized Officer: CERTIFIED ONLINE	Date: 06/30/2014
Printed name of Authorized Officer: Deanna Brown	
Title or position of Authorized Officer: CFO	
Telephone number of Authorized Officer: 4405937138 ext.	
Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier: 300606	Filing Due Date for this form: 07/01/2014
, ,	ished by fine or forfeiture under the Communications Act of 1934, 47 U.S.C. §§ 502, 503(b), or fine or imprisonment er Title 18 of the United States Code, 18 U.S.C. § 1001.

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE AUTHORIZED AGENT:

Certification of Agent Authorized to File Annual Reports for CAF or LI Recipients or	Behalf of Reportin	ng Carrier
I, as agent for the reporting carrier, certify that I am authorized to submit the annual reports for universal service support recipie the data reported herein based on data provided by the reporting carrier; and, to the best of my knowledge, the information rep		
Name of Reporting Carrier: CONNEAUT TEL CO		
Name of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent: Lynette Hampton		
Signature of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent: CERTIFIED ONLINE	Date:	06/30/2014
Printed name of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent: Lynette Hampton		
Title or position of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent Authorized Representative		
Telephone number of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent: 5126527725 ext.		
Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier: 300606 Filing Due Date for this form: 07/01/2014		
Persons willfully making false statements on this form can be punished by fine or forfeiture under the Communications Act of 1934, 4 18 of the United States Code, 18 U.S.C. § 1001.	7 U.S.C. §§ 502, 503(b), or	r fine or imprisonment under Title



(700) Price Offerings including Voice Rate Data	FCC Form 481
Data Collection Form	OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819
	July 2013

300606	CONNEAUT TEL CO	2015	Deanna Brown	ne <030> 4405937138 ext.	ne <030> dbrown@suite224.net
<010> Study Area Code	<015> Study Area Name	<020> Program Year	<030> Contact Name - Person USAC should contact regarding this data	<035> Contact Telephone Number - Number of person identified in data line <030>	<039> Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030>
<010>	<015>	<020>	<030>	<035>	<039>

<701> Residential Local Service Charge Effective Date
<702> Single State-wide Residential Local Service Charge

<703>

1/1/2014

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<>>>	Total per line Rates and Fees	14.3	17.3								
<	Mandatory Extended Area Service Charge	0.0	0.0								
 b4>	State Universal Service Fee	1.25	1.25								
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<	Residential Local Service Rate	13.05	16.05								
 	Rate Type	FR	FR								
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FCC Form 481	OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819	July 2013
(710) Broadband Price Offerings	Data Collection Form	

<010>	<010> Study Area Code	3 Code			300606				
<015>	Study Area Name	Name .			CONNEAUT TEL CO	0			
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	State	Exchange (ILEC)	Residential Rate	State Regulated Fees	Total Rates and Fees	Broadband Service - Download Speed (Mbps)	Broadband Service - Broadband Service Usag Download Speed -Upload Speed (Mbps) (GB)	Usage Allowance (GB)	Usage Allowance Action Taken When Limit Reached {select}
	НО	ALL	79.95	0.0	79.95	18.0	2.0	0.0	Other, No limit on usage allowance
	НО	ALL	74.95	0.0	74.95	24.0	1.0	0.0	Other, No limit on usage allowance

FCC Five Year Service Improvement Plan

Conneaut Telephone Company

March 2014

Background—2013

In 2013, The Conneaut Telephone Company (CTC) started making investments geared toward modernizing our telephone and broadband service technologies to bring our cost study area up to par with the latest technology in our industry.

The largest investment of 2013 was our purchase of a new, IP-enabled soft-switch, which gives us the flexibility to support legacy, copper-based communications services, along with newer, IP-based communications served over fiber-optic cables.

In 2013, we also started, but have yet to finish, our migration from legacy SONET technology used to connect our network with the rest of the PSTN and used to connect our Central Office with remote switches, to newer 10 Gigabit Ethernet technology.

Work underway—2014

In 2014, CTC continued the integration and rollout of our soft-switch but then moved the focus to deploying our 10 Gigabit Ethernet network nodes throughout our study area. Each of the 10 Gigabit Ethernet ring nodes also supports Fiber-to-the-Home technology using either Active Ethernet connections or using Passive Optical Network connections. It is our intention to upgrade the nodes in 2014, and then begin an aggressive rollout of FTTH for local telephone, Broadband Internet, and Cable TV services to these customers.

Overview of Conneaut Service Areas

Conneaut Telephone Company has several remote switch locations to facilitate network management and maintenance. To understand the service improvements planned for the future, it is important to understand the various service areas. Here are the area location names:

Central Office: The CTC Central Office serves most of the incorporated areas of the City of Conneaut with traditional copper-based telephone and data services. Some fiber-optic services also originate from the Central Office. This office is located in the Conneaut Exchange.

Headend: The CTC headend overlaps much of the service area as the Central Office, with the Central Office primarily servicing customers on copper-based services, while the Headend services customers on a Hybrid-Fiber-Coaxial network. Some fiber-optic services also originate from the Headend. This office is located in the Conneaut Exchange.

West Main Remote: The West Main remote serves customers on the western edge of the City of Conneaut and provides service to a small sliver of customers in the eastern part of the Village of North Kingsville. This office is located in the Conneaut Exchange.

Furnace Rd. Remote: The Furnace Rd. remote serves customers along the extreme southeast part of the City of Conneaut. The service area is bounded by the Conneaut Creek to the south and State Route 7 on the west. This office is located in the Conneaut Exchange.

Farnham Remote: The Farnham Remote services customers in the southwestern areas of the City of Conneaut. The Farnham remote is bounded by Kingsville Township on the west, Interstate 90 on the North, and State Route 7 on the east. This office is part of the Conneaut Exchange.

Bushnell Remote: The Bushnell remote services the customers who live in the townships of Bushnell and Monroe, Ohio. The Bushnell remote is its own service exchange for telephone service and is denoted by the 440-594-xxxx prefix. The Bushnell remote extends east to west from the Pennsylvania border to Kelloggsville Township. Bushnell is bounded by the Conneaut Creek to the North and extends south to Hatches Corners Rd. This office is part of the Bushnell Exchange.

Hilldom Road Remote: The Hilldom Road Remote provides service to the customers at the most extreme southern parts of the CTC study area. It covers the area east to west from the Pennsylvania border to Kelloggsville Township. It extends from Hilldom Road on the North south to Hammonds Corners Road. This office is part of the Bushnell Exchange.

Planned Broadband Service Enhancements



Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. 54.202(a)(1)(ii), The Conneaut Telephone Company submits a five-year plan that describes with specificity proposed improvements or upgrades to its network throughout its proposed service area. Conneaut Telephone also provides estimates regarding the area and population that will be served as a result of the improvements. This plan is based on Conneaut Telephone's current business and financial conditions and is subject to change as a result of changes in those conditions.

Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. 54.313, in each subsequent year, The Conneaut Telephone Company will file a progress report on its five-year service quality improvement plan pursuant to 54.202(a), including maps detailing its progress towards meeting its plan targets, an explanation of how much universal service support was received and how it was used to improve service quality, coverage, or capacity, and an explanation regarding any network improvement targets that have not been fulfilled in the prior calendar year.

As of January 1, 2014, 100% of subscribers in the Conneaut and Bushnell exchanges have access to broadband Internet service through Conneaut Telephone's fiber optic, HFC, and or copper facilities. Subscribers served by these facilities have access that meets or exceeds the 4/1 Mbps standard.



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Five - Year Plan Template
The Conneaut Telephone Company
Conneaut, Ohio, Bushnell, Ohio Exchanges

On-going Maintenance/ Operating Expense		
Depreciation Expense Associated with Network Improvements for Years Prior to Year 1		
Depreciation Expense Associated with Network Improvements Years 1 through 5 (Note 1)		
Estimated Population Served By Capital Improvement		
Estimated # of Square Miles Served by Capital Improvement		
Planned Dollar Amount Capital Improvement (CAPx)		
Year#	Existing Expense- Total Company 1 01/01/2015 to 12/31/2015 2 01/01/2016 to 12/31/2016 3 01/01/2017 to 12/31/2017 4 01/01/2018 to 12/31/2018 5 01/01/2019 to 12/31/2019	

LINE 510 - SERVICE QUALITY STANDARDS AND CONSUMER PROTECTION RULES COMPLIANCE

Conneaut Telephone Company complies with applicable service quality standards and consumer protection rules for its voice and broadband services.

Service quality standards for voice service are established by the state commission. The Company consistently meets or exceeds those standards and provides reports to the state commission, in accordance with the state commission's rules.

The Company complies with any and all consumer protection obligations under state law.

The Company also complies with the following consumer best practices: (1) the Company discloses its rates and terms of service to customers; (2) the Company provides specific disclosures in its advertising; (3) the Company separately identifies carrier charges from taxes on its billing statements; (4) the Company provides ready access to customer service; (5) the Company promptly responds to consumer inquiries and complaints received from government agencies; and (6) the Company abides by policies for protection of consumer privacy.

Finally, the Company has a policy and established operating procedures that comply with the FCC's Customer Proprietary Network Information (CPNI) rules (47 C.F.R. §§64.2001-64.2011). Certification of the Company's compliance with CPNI rules and a description of the Company's operating procedures that ensure compliance are filed annually with the FCC.

LINE 610 - ABILITY TO FUNCTION IN EMERGENCY SITUATIONS

Conneaut Telephone Company is able to function in emergency situations for both voice and broadband service. The Company has a reasonable amount of back-up power to ensure functionality without an external power source. Standby power generators are supplied at the central office, remote switch sites, and repeater sites to ensure functionality without an external power source until power is restored. The network is capable of managing traffic spikes resulting from emergency situations.

The Company is able to reroute traffic around damaged facilities. Although the Company's ability to reroute traffic around damaged facilities is not absolute and may be limited in certain circumstances, there is a restoration plan in place for expeditious recovery of service, including splicing of damaged facilities when warranted.

LINE 1010 – VOICE SERVICES RATE COMPARABILITY

The Wireline Competition Bureau's most recent reasonable comparability benchmark for voice services is \$46.96, which includes the federal subscriber line charge ("SLC").¹

In the exchanges served by Conneaut Telephone Company, the highest single-line residential local rate, including any mandatory extended area service charge, is \$16.05. When the federal SLC and the state universal service fee are added, the total is below the reasonable comparability benchmark of \$46.96.

¹ Wireline Competition Bureau Announces Results of Urban Rate Survey for Voice Services; Seeks Comment on Petition for Extension of Time to Comply With New Rate Floor, WC Docket No. 10-90, DA 14-384 (rel. Mar. 20, 2014), p. 2.

LINE 1210 – TERMS & CONDITIONS OF VOICE TELEPHONY LIFELINE PLANS

Conneaut Telephone Company (the Company) offers Lifeline subscribers discounts to the monthly residential basic local exchange service rate. The local exchange service rate includes an unlimited amount of local calling minutes. Additional charges for toll calls associated with the stand-alone residential access line are billed at the rates of the long distance carrier chosen by the subscriber. Lifeline customers may subscribe to other packages and custom calling features at the standard rates offered to all customers, in which case the Lifeline discount will apply to the portion of the package that is for basic local exchange service. The attached pages from the Company's tariff include the terms and conditions for Lifeline and the rates for local exchange service.

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EXCHANGE RATES

The local calling area embraces all calls between stations bearing the designations of Conneaut, Kingsville and Pierpont.

The classification and rates provided in this section apply at any point within the Base Rate Area which is defined as all territory in the exchange lying north of Route Interstate 90.

	Monthly	Max. Rate	Anniversary
	Rate		Date
Business - Primary Line	\$ 18.15 (I)	\$ 18.15 (I)	Aug. 1, 2012
Residence – Individual Line	\$13.05 (I)		Aug. 1, 2012
Payphone:		5	
Coin Operated Telephone Service Access Line	\$ 12.15		
Coin Supervision Additive	\$ 7.20		

The classifications and rates following apply at any point within Zone A which is defined as all territory in the exchange lying south of Route Interstate 90.

	Monthly	Max. Rate	Anniversary
	Rate		Date
Business – Primary Line		\$ 21.15 (I)	Aug. 1, 2012
Residence – Individual Line	\$ 16.05 (I)	\$ 16.05 (I)	Aug. 1, 2012
Payphone:			-
Coin Operated Telephone Service Access Line	\$ 15.15		
Coin Supervision Additive	\$ 7.20		

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LIFELINE/LINK-UP REQUIREMENTS

A. GENERAL

- 1. Lifeline shall be a flat-rate, monthly, primary access line service with touch-tone service or the Company may offer any other packages/bundles of service, if available to customers, less the lifeline discount and shall provide all of the following:
 - a. A recurring discount to the monthly basic local exchange service rate that provides for the maximum contribution of federally available assistance;
 - b. Not more than once per customer at a single address in a twelve-month period, a waiver of all nonrecurring service order charges for establishing service;
 - c. Free blocking of toll service, 900 service and 976 service;
 - d. A waiver of the federal universal service fund end user charge; and
 - e. A waiver of the telephone company's service deposit requirement.

B. REGULATIONS

- Lifeline Assistance is available to residential customers who are currently participating in one
 of the following federal or state low-income assistance programs that limit assistance based
 on household income:
 - a. Medical Assistance under Chapter 5111 of the Ohio Revised Code (Medicaid) or any state program that might supplant Medicaid;
 - b. Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP/Food Stamps);
 - c. Supplemental Security Income (SSI) under Title XVI of the Social Security Act;
 - d. Supplemental Security Insurance blind and disabled (SSD)
 - e. Federal public housing assistance, or Section 8;
 - f. Home Energy Assistance Programs (HEAP, LIHEAP, E-HEAP);
 - g. National School Lunch Program's Free Lunch Program (NSL);
 - h. Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF/Ohio Works); or
 - i. General Assistance (including disability assistance (DA))

LIFELINE/LINK-UP REQUIREMENTS (Continued)

B. REGULATIONS (Continued)

- 2. Lifeline Assistance is available to residential customers whose total household income is at or below one-hundred fifty percent (150%) of the federal poverty level.
- 3. The Telephone Company shall require, as proof of eligibility for Lifeline Assistance, a document signed by the customer, certifying under penalty of perjury that the customer is receiving benefits from one of the programs identified in Section B.1 above; identify the specific program or programs from which the customer receives benefits and agree to notify the carrier if the customer ceases to participate in such program or programs. If a customer is applying for Lifeline based on income, see Section B.5.a-g for examples of income documentation.
- 4. The Telephone Company must verify Lifeline service eligibility for customers who qualify through household income-based requirements consistent with the FCC requirements in 47 C.F.R. 54.
- Consistent with federal law, examples of acceptable income documentation includes the following:
 - State or federal income tax return;
 - b. Current income statement or W-2 from an employer;
 - c. Three consecutive months of current pay stubs;
 - d. Social security statement of benefits;
 - e. Retirement/Pension statement of benefits;
 - f. Unemployment/Workmen's Compensation statement of benefits;
 - g. Any other legal document that would show current income (such as a divorce decree or child support document).
- 6. Customers qualifying for Lifeline with past due bills for regulated local service charges shall be offered special payment arrangements with the initial payment not to exceed \$25.00 before service is installed, with the balance for regulated local charges to be paid over six equal monthly payments. Lifeline service customers with past due bills for toll service charges shall have toll restricted service until such past due toll service charges have been paid or until the customer establishes service with a subsequent toll provider.
- 7. All other aspects of the state-specific lifeline service shall be consistent with the federal requirements. The rates, terms, and conditions for lifeline service shall be tariffed in accordance with Rule 4901:1-6-11.

LIFELINE/LINK-UP REQUIREMENTS (Continued)

B. REGULATIONS (Continued)

- 8. The Telephone Company shall provide written notification to the customer applying for Lifeline service that is determined ineligible for Lifeline service and shall provide an additional 30 days to prove eligibility.
- 9. The Telephone Company shall provide written customer notification if a customer's Lifeline service benefits are to be terminated due to failure to submit acceptable documentation for continued eligibility for that assistance. The lifeline customer shall have an additional sixty (60) days to submit acceptable documentation of continued eligibility or dispute the findings regarding termination of benefits.
- The Telephone Company shall establish procedures to verify an individual's continuing Lifeline eligibility for both program and income based criteria consistent with the FCC's requirements in 47 C.F.R. 54.409-54.410.

C. ENROLLMENT PROCESS

1. Existing Customers

- a. Customers with dial tone wanting to establish lifeline service should complete and submit a Company lifeline application, and provide documentation if applicable, within 15 business days of requesting the discount.
- b. The Company will review the customer's lifeline application to determine customer's eligibility within 15 days.
- c. If the customer is eligible for the lifeline discount, the Company will credit the customer's bill retroactive to the date of customer's request for lifeline service.
- d. If the customer does not return the application with the appropriate documentation, if required, within 15 business days, the customer will need to reapply for lifeline discounts. Should the Company determine that a customer does not qualify for lifeline assistance or if the customer submits incomplete documentation, the Company will provide written notification to the customer and give the customer an additional 30 days to prove eligibility. If after that additional 30 days the customer has failed to prove eligibility or provide the necessary documentation, the customer must re-apply for the lifeline discounts.

2. New Customers

- a. Customers applying for new service and requesting to establish lifeline service should complete and submit a Company lifeline application, and provide documentation if applicable, within 15 business days of requesting the discount. The Company will process the lifeline application without delaying the installation of new service.
- b. The Company will review the customer's lifeline application to determine the customer's eligibility within 15 days.

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Effective: May 12, 2011

LIFELINE/LINK-UP REQUIREMENTS (Continued)

C. ENROLLMENT PROCESS (Continued)

- 2. New Customers (Continued)
 - c. If the customer is eligible for the lifeline discount, the Company will credit the customer's bill for installation charges and the monthly discount retroactive to the date the customer's service is established.
 - d. If the customer does not return the application with the appropriate documentation, if required, within 15 business days, the customer will need to reapply for lifeline discounts. Should the Company determine that a customer does not qualify for lifeline assistance or if the customer submits incomplete documentation, the Company will provide written notification to the customer and give the customer an additional 30 days to prove eligibility. If after that additional 30 days the customer has failed to prove eligibility or provide the necessary documentation, the customer must re-apply for the lifeline discounts.

D. INCOME ELIGIBILITY

- The Telephone Company must verify through acceptable documentation that a customer qualifies for Lifeline Assistance. Such verification must be performed within 60 days of a customer's service establishment. Examples of income documentation are identified in Section B.5.a-g.
- 2. Regardless of when the Company completes the verification process Lifeline benefits shall go back to the date the qualified customer established lifeline.
- 3. The Telephone Company shall provide written notification to customers that do not qualify for Lifeline Assistance. The notice shall give the customer an additional 30-day opportunity to prove eligibility or dispute the company's determination.
- 4. Written notification must include: 1) the earliest date termination of lifeline benefits will occur if the customer has been receiving the benefits or the last date the customer has to provide documentation to prove eligibility to receive the benefits; 2) the reason(s) for termination of lifeline benefits and any actions which the customer must take to demonstrate continued eligibility; 3) contact information for the Telephone Company; and 4) a statement explaining who customers may contact in the event of a dispute.
- If a customer disagrees with a company's findings regarding eligibility for Lifeline Assistance, the customer may file an informal/formal complaint with the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio.

Issued: May 12, 2011

Effective: May 12, 2011

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LIFELINE/LINK-UP REQUIREMENTS (Continued)

E. VERIFICATION FOR CONTINUED ELIGIBILITY

- 1. The Telephone Company must notify customers at least 60 days prior to the company's pending termination of the customer's Lifeline Assistance if the customer fails to submit acceptable documentation for continued eligibility for benefits. Such notice will be separate from the bill and will include: 1) the earliest date termination of lifeline benefits would occur; 2) the reason(s) for termination of lifeline benefits and any actions which the customer must take to demonstrate continued eligibility; 3) contact information for the telephone company and 4) a statement explaining who the customer should contact in the event of a dispute.
- 2. Should a customer fail to submit proper documentation within the 60 day period, the Telephone Company will terminate the customer's lifeline benefits and require the customer to re-apply.

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June 23, 2014

Lynette Hampton CHR Solutions, Inc.

RE: Conneaut Telephone Company 2013 Audit

Dear Lynette,

Please be aware that we are currently working on the audit of the Conneaut Telephone System. We reasonably expect to have our audit report available by July 31, 2014.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Robert J. Schaefer.

The Conneaut Telephone Company and Subsidiary Financial Statements (Unaudited)

For Period Ending December 31, 2013

Summary Report

Dec 31, 2013

Net Income (Loss) for the first ten mo For Period Ending December 31, 2013

Earnings Applicable to Common Stock

Dec 31, 2013

2013 2012

> Amount required for dividend on Preferred Stock Net Income (Loss)

Earnings applicable to Common Stock Number of Shares Outstanding

Earnings (Loss) per share

Note 2: All Intercompany amounts have been eliminated from the amounts listed above.

Note 3: All intercompany amounts are elinimated in the financial statements and ratios.

Note 1: Report includes financial information from The Conneaut Telephone Company and it's subsidiary CableSuite 541, Inc.

Note 4: Net Income (Loss) for 2013

Net Income:

CableSuite 541
Conneaut Telephone
Conneaut Telephone-DE
Conneaut Telephone-Celluar
Conneaut Telephone-Internet Conneaut Telephone-HFC Net Income (Loss) (Intercompany have not been removed)

THE CONNEAUT TELEPHONE COMPANY BALANCE SHEET

BALANCE SHEET		, 60 000	200			Dec 24 2042	_	
	PARENT	SUBSIDIARY	2013		COMBINED	COMBINED	% Increase	Increase
	CONNEAUT	CABLESUITE 541, INC	ELIMINATIONS	*	YTD	LYTD	-Decrease	-Decrease
	TELEPHONE (a)	(g)	(9)	9	(e)	9	Since Dec 31, 2012	Since Dec 31, 2012
ASSETS								
CURRENT ASSETS								
CASH MATERIAL AND SUPPLIES OTHER CURRENT ASSETS PREPAYMENTS								
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS								
NONCURRENT ASSETS								
OTHER NONCURRENT ASSETS NONREGULATED INVESTMENTS INTANGIBLES DEFERRED MAINTENANCE AND RETIREMENTS								
TOTAL NONCURRENT ASSETS								
PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT								
CAPITAL LEASE OBLIGATIONS TELECOMMUNICATIONS PLANT TELECOMMUNICATIONS PLANT-NONREG CATY ASSETS-NONREG ULATED ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION-NONREG TELEPHONE PLANT ADJUSTMENT								
TELECOMMUNICATIONS PLANT CONSTR								
NONOPERATING PLANT								
PLANT HELD FOR FUTURE USE TOTAL PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT								
TOTAL ASSETS								
LIABILITIES								
CURRENT LIABILITIES ACCRUED LIABILITIES OTHER LIABILITIES/DEFERRED CREDIT LONG TERM DEBT LONG TERM DEBT-CAPITAL LEASE TOTAL LIABILITIES								
STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY								
CAPITAL STOCK-COMMON SHARES 12,968 CAPITAL STOCK-PREFERRED SHARES 4,881 PREMIUM ON CAPITAL STOCK TREASURY STOCK (Note 1)								
RETAINED EARNINGS								
ACCUMULATED OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME								
TOTAL STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY								
TOTAL LIABILITIES & STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY								

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CONNEAUT TELEPHONE COMPANY INCOME STATEMENT-CONSOLIDATED

INCOME STATEMENT-CONSOLIDATED		:									
		for period ending	Dec 31, 2013						1000	100	1
	PARENT		DEPAR	TMENTS		SUBSIDIARY	COMBINED	COMBINED	% INCREASE -DECREASE	% OF REVENUES	INCREASE -DECREASE
	O O	C L	SELLIL	DEREGIII ATED	L	CABI ESTITE 544 INC. ELIMINATIONS	*	Ė	OVER		OVER
OPERATING REVENUES											
LOCAL NETWORK SERVICES											
SALES											
NETWORK ACCESS SERVICE ON TO PROPERTY OF THE											
LONG DISTANCE NETWORN SERVICE MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE											
RENT REVENUES FROM SUBSIDIARY CELLULAR REVENUES											
BASIC NETWORKING REVENUES FEES FROM SUBSIDIARY											
LESS: UNCOLLECTIBLE REVENUE											
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE											
COST OF GOODS SOLD											
OPERATING EXPENSES											
PLANT SPECIFIC OPERATIONS											
PLANT NONSPECIFIC OPERATIONS CUSTOMER OPERATIONS											
CORPORATE OPERATIONS DEPRECIATION AND AMORITIZATION											
AMORTIZATION OF EXTRAORDINARY RETIREMEN											
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES											
FEDERAL INCOME TAX - Est STATE FRANCHISE TAX-Est OTHER OPERATING TAXES - Est DEFERRED TAXES											
TOTAL OPERATING TAXES											
NET OPERATING INCOME											
INTEREST INCOME OTHER NONOPERATING INCOME											
TOTAL OTHER INCOME											
SPECIAL CHARGES INTEREST ON FUNDED DEBT INTEREST ON CAPITAL LEASE OTHER INTEREST DEDUCTIONS CAPITAL LEASE											
TOTAL FIXED CHARGES											
NET INCOME BEFORE EXTRAORDINARY GAIN (LOS											
EXTRAORDINARY GAIN (LOSS)											
NET INCOME (LOSS) AFTER EXTRAORDINARY ITE											

THE CONNEAUT TELEPHONE COMPANY
STATEMENT OF RETAINED EARNINGS-CONSOLIDATED
PERIOD ENDING

Dec 31, 2013

BALANCE AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	
ADD: NET INCOME COD THE BEDION	
PRIOR YEARS EARNINGS(LOSS) SUBSIDIARY	
ADJUSTMENT PREVIOUS YEARS (DEPR OVERACCR) \$ INTERCOMPANY ENTRIES	
BSS: DIVIDENDS ON PREEERBED STOCK	
DIVIDENDS ON COMMON STOCK	
ADJUSTMENT ACCUMULATED OTHER COMPREHENSIVE \$	
LESS: ADJUSTMENT	
BALANCE AT END OF PERIOD	

The Conneaut Telephone Company Dec 31, 2013 Detail of Assets, Liabilities and Revenue

Assets-Parent Company	
Cash Cash on Hand Cash In Bank	↔
Money Market Funds Total Cash	6 69
Other Current Assets: For Period Ending December 31, 2013	1
Accounts Receivable-Telecommunications Accounts Receivable-Other Accounts Receivable-CATV Accounts Receivable - Interest & Dividends	\$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$
Special Deposits CFC Commercial Paper Investment Temporary Investments (ACCOUNT CLOSED)	-
Total Other Current Assets	↔
Other NonCurrent Assets: RTFC - Unamortized Debt Expense Deferred Tax Asset RTFC - Subordinate Capital Certificate	क क क
Total Other NonCurrent Assets	€9
Nonregulated Investments:	
Investment in Bright Net Investment in Subsidiary Investment in Affiliated Companies-Capital Call-Cellular Investment in Affiliated Companies-Net Income-Cellular	ଡ ଡ ଡ ଡ
Total Nonregulated Investment (Alltel Cellular, Bright Net, CableSuite 541)	↔
Liabilities-Parent Company	
Current Liabilities:	
Accounts Payable Current Matured Long Term Debt - RTFC Current Matured Long Term Debt - Capital Lease Vehicles Current Matured Long Term Debt-Capital Lease Advance Payments Customer Deposit-Advance Payments Other Current Liabilities - Deferred Compensation	өөөөө
Pension	↔
Total Current Liabilities	↔

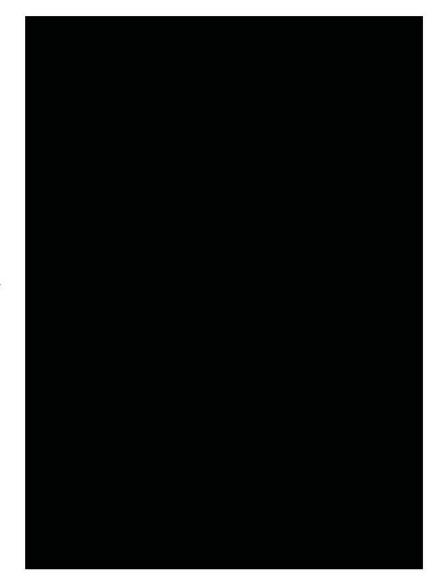
The Conneaut Telephone Company Dec 31, 2013 Detail of Assets, Liabilities and Revenue

Accrued Liabilities:	ipany cont a	ŀ
Federal Income Tax State Franchise Tax State CAT Tax (Est)	Federal Income Tax (Est) Federal Income Tax (Est) State FAITAX (Est) State ATTAX (Est)	6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6
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Total Accrued L Long Term Debt- RTFC Capital Leases: Vehicles-Loans	Total Accrued Liabilities Debt- RTFC Capital Leases: Vehicles, Telco Switch	ө өөө
Total		69
Other Liabilities/Deferred Credits Unamoritzed Investm Deferred Taxes Deferred Rent Reven Pension Liability (FAS Other Post Retitement	inies/Deferred Credits Unamortized Investment Tax Credit Deferred Taxes Deferred Rent Revenues Pension Liability (FASB#87) Other Post Retirment Benefits - OPEB	60 60 60 60 60 60 60 60 60 60 60 60 60 6
Total Other	Total Other Liabilities/Deferred Credits	69
Revenues-Parent Company Miscellaneous Revenues:	npany es:	
Directory Advertising Renr Revenue Billing and Collection 911 Revenues US Intelco - LIDB Co NSF Fees TR8 Assessment Ohio Surcharge NS Bonus Settlemer ATT USF & CCL	Directory Advertising Rent Revenue Billing and Collections Billing and Collections US Intelco - LIDB Compensation NSF Feess INS Revessement Ohio Surcharge INS Bouns Settlement ATT USPS A. CC.	66 69 69 69 69 69 69 69 69
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Nonregulated Revenues - Cellular Terminating CAB Access Sales Commission	ted Revenues - Cellular Terminating CAB Access Revenues Sales Commission	8 8 6
Sales Net Income (Based on All	Sales Net Income - Cellular - Estimated (Based on Alter Gellular Estimated outnerly Satement Ending 1231/2013)	өө
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INTERCOMPANY REVENUES AND EXPENSES
Dec 31, 2013

Revenues:	CATV Concession Infrastructure Lease Building Lease Tower Rent	w w w w	
	 Rent Revenues Fron For Period Ending December 31	r 31	
	Billing and Collection Revenue from Management Fees	₩ ₩	
	Miscellaneous Revenue-CATV		
	Total Revenues		
	CABLESUITE 541, INC		
Revenues:	Internet Facility Lease CATV Concession	ө ө	
	Total Revenues		
Expenses:	Building Rent Tower Rent Infrastructure Lease Internet Maintenance Billing & Collec ion Management Fees Colocation Bandwidth and Colocation Total Expenses	w w w w w w w	
	Suite 224 Internet		
Revenues:	Internet Maintenance Colocation Bandwidth and Colocation CATV Concession Total Revenues		
Expenses:	Infrastructure Access	o ↔	
	Total Expenses		

INTERCOMPANY ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE AND LIABILITIES Dec 31, 2013



The above includes amounts booked from 12/01/2009 thru 12/31/2013

The Conneaut Telephone Company-Consolidated Book Value - Common Stock

Shares Outstanding For Period Ending

11,306 Dec 31, 2013

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Capital Stock		December-13	December-12	
Stockholders Equity:	The Conneaut Telephone Company-Stockholder's Equity CableSuite 541, Inc-Retained Earnings (Loss)			
Total Stockholders Equity				
Less: Preferred Stock Treasury Stock				
Balance Equity identified with Common	th Common			
Book Value Per Share Common Stock	non Stock			
Dividends Estimated Payments-Annual	is-Annual		PAID THRU DEC 2011	
% per year				
Amount based on book value				SHARE
% per year				
Amount based on estimated Annualized Net Income				SHARE

STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

THE CONNEAUT TELEPHONE COMPANY

December 31, 2013

NET INCOME

DEPRECIATION EXPENSE

CELLULAR PARTNERSHIP NET INCOME

For Period Ending December 31, 2013

NET INCOME ADJUSTED FOR NONCASH ITEMS

CHANGES IN OPERATING ASSETS AND LIABLILITIES

(INCREASE) DECREASE IN OTHER CURRENT ASSETS

(INCREASE) DECREASE IN INVENTORY (INCREASE) DECREASE IN PREPAID EXPENSES

INCREASE (DECREASE) IN ACCRUED LIABILITIES INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CURRENT LIABILITIES

OTHER LIABILITIES/DEFERRED CREDIT

CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

CASH FLOW FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES

NET CHANGE OF FIXED ASSET PURCHASES

RTFC PATRONAGE CAPITAL & OTHER NON-CURRENT ASSET CHANGE

SALE OF ASSET PREPAYMENT

RSA#3 DISTRIBUTION

NET CAPITAL LEASE

CASH FLOW FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES

PAYMENTS ON NOTES PAYABLE CASH FLOW FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES

PROCEEDS FROM CAPITAL LEASE

CASH FLOW FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES

NET CASH INCREASE (DECREASE)